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Dayton, O. - Oct. - The University of Dayton Homecoming, October 17, will take on a civic flavor this year with the students staging a gigantic parade through the streets of downtown Dayton to the stadium.

For years U.D. Homecoming has been an alumni affair with the student participation limited to the campaigns for the election of the Homecoming Queen and her coronation at half-time ceremonies. Student spirit has come forth this year and under Student Council president, Jim Wilkerson, there will be several major affair for students as well as for alumni.

The Alumni will have their traditional pre-game campus reunions and visits. Following the successful pattern set last year when the Alumni banquet was transferred to the Field House, Alumni will again gather on the Hilltop for their banquet and get-together. Alumni activities will again start with the President's Reception in the Field House and include the banquet and following party.

Bob Wood, a former Dayton policeman, now a U.D. student, has been appointed chairman of the student parade. According to Wood, plans call for the parade to make up in the area surrounding First and Jefferson Streets at noon. Parade time has been set for 12:30. The parade units will follow a route down First St. to Main; down Main and across Patterson Blvd. The parade will continue down Main to Stewart, over Stewart to Alberta and onto the U.D. campus.

Mayor Louis W. Lohrey, City Manager Herbert Starick, Col. Mathew C. Kirkpatrick, police chief, and Chief Forrest B. Lucas of the fire department have accepted invitations to participate in the parade, according to Wood.

Clubs and organizations on the U.D. campus are preparing floats of their own design and creation for the parade. Wood estimates that more than 15 floats will be in the parade. Each candidate for the Homecoming Queen and her attendant will ride the float of their sponsoring organization. The Queen herself will ride a float prepared by the Student Council with an honor guard provided by the Triangle R Riders' color guard mounted on palominos.

In addition to the U.D. Band, music for the parade will be provided by two invited high school bands, Chaminade and Dunbar High Schools. These bands were

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chosen alphabetically from among the high school bands of the area. An invitation has been extended to the University of Louisville band, U.D. opponents for the Homecoming game, to participate in the Parade also.

The Box 21 rescue vehicle, newly acquired by the safety organization, will also be part of the line of march.